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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Wija, Corea, is declared open to the commerce of the world. The state funeral of the late Senator Hanna took place in the Senate chamber of the Capitol building in Washington yesterday. Lily white Republicans of Louisiana met yesterday and nominated a State ticket; not a negro was present. An American warship bombarded the insurgent near San Domingo city. Japanese torpedo vessels made another attack on Russian ships at Port Arthur last Sunday morning; the results are unknown. Reported that a third fight has occurred off Port Arthur. Eight transports with Japanese troops are on the way to Corea; 60,000 troops are concentrated on the coast of Corea. Fire at Seabright, N. J., caused loss of about \$15,000. Military were called out last night at Columbia, Ga., to prevent the lynching of a negro. Japan has agreed to the neutralization of China, excluding Manchuria. Mrs. McJannet shot and killed a man who was attempting to force an entrance into her home in McDowell county, Va. A serious fire was raging early this morning at Milton, Pa. Sixty-two men employed on the Dan River Power Co.'s plant at Danville, Va., arrested for laboring on Sunday last. The Port Arthur cable has been cut. Sixteen thousand Albanians are in revolt. Two Russian battleships are reported to have been destroyed in the fight at Port Arthur on the 14th. Woman and five children burned to death near Croton, New York. New York market: Money on call was easy; at 1 1/2% per cent; cotton quiet at 13.50; flour was firm and higher; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 soft red winter, 90c; No. 3 soft red winter, 88c; No. 4 soft red winter, 87c; No. 5 soft red winter, 86c; No. 6 soft red winter, 85c; No. 7 soft red winter, 84c; No. 8 soft red winter, 83c; No. 9 soft red winter, 82c; No. 10 soft red winter, 81c; No. 11 soft red winter, 80c; No. 12 soft red winter, 79c; No. 13 soft red winter, 78c; No. 14 soft red winter, 77c; No. 15 soft red winter, 76c; No. 16 soft red winter, 75c; No. 17 soft red winter, 74c; No. 18 soft red winter, 73c; No. 19 soft red winter, 72c; No. 20 soft red winter, 71c; No. 21 soft red winter, 70c; No. 22 soft red winter, 69c; No. 23 soft red winter, 68c; No. 24 soft red winter, 67c; No. 25 soft red winter, 66c; No. 26 soft red winter, 65c; No. 27 soft red winter, 64c; No. 28 soft red winter, 63c; No. 29 soft red winter, 62c; No. 30 soft red winter, 61c; No. 31 soft red winter, 60c; No. 32 soft red winter, 59c; No. 33 soft red winter, 58c; No. 34 soft red winter, 57c; No. 35 soft red winter, 56c; No. 36 soft red winter, 55c; No. 37 soft red winter, 54c; No. 38 soft red winter, 53c; No. 39 soft red winter, 52c; No. 40 soft red winter, 51c; No. 41 soft red winter, 50c; No. 42 soft red winter, 49c; No. 43 soft red winter, 48c; No. 44 soft red winter, 47c; No. 45 soft red winter, 46c; No. 46 soft red winter, 45c; No. 47 soft red winter, 44c; No. 48 soft red winter, 43c; No. 49 soft red winter, 42c; No. 50 soft red winter, 41c; No. 51 soft red winter, 40c; No. 52 soft red winter, 39c; No. 53 soft red winter, 38c; No. 54 soft red winter, 37c; No. 55 soft red winter, 36c; No. 56 soft red winter, 35c; No. 57 soft red winter, 34c; No. 58 soft red winter, 33c; No. 59 soft red winter, 32c; No. 60 soft red winter, 31c; No. 61 soft red winter, 30c; No. 62 soft red winter, 29c; No. 63 soft red winter, 28c; No. 64 soft red winter, 27c; No. 65 soft red winter, 26c; No. 66 soft red winter, 25c; No. 67 soft red winter, 24c; No. 68 soft red winter, 23c; No. 69 soft red winter, 22c; No. 70 soft red winter, 21c; No. 71 soft red winter, 20c; No. 72 soft red winter, 19c; No. 73 soft red winter, 18c; No. 74 soft red winter, 17c; No. 75 soft red winter, 16c; No. 76 soft red winter, 15c; No. 77 soft red winter, 14c; No. 78 soft red winter, 13c; No. 79 soft red winter, 12c; No. 80 soft red winter, 11c; No. 81 soft red winter, 10c; No. 82 soft red winter, 9c; No. 83 soft red winter, 8c; No. 84 soft red winter, 7c; No. 85 soft red winter, 6c; No. 86 soft red winter, 5c; No. 87 soft red winter, 4c; No. 88 soft red winter, 3c; No. 89 soft red winter, 2c; No. 90 soft red winter, 1c; No. 91 soft red winter, 0c; No. 92 soft red winter, 0c; No. 93 soft red winter, 0c; No. 94 soft red winter, 0c; No. 95 soft red winter, 0c; No. 96 soft red winter, 0c; No. 97 soft red winter, 0c; No. 98 soft red winter, 0c; No. 99 soft red winter, 0c; No. 100 soft red winter, 0c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.: Temperature: 8 A. M., 23 degrees; 8 P. M., 31 degrees; maximum, 42 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees; mean, 32 degrees. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .95 inch.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—For North Carolina: Rain and warmer Thursday; Friday rain in east; fair in west; fresh breeze from south to southeast winds.

Port Almanac—February 18.

Sun Rises..... 6:47 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 5:43 P. M.
Day's Length..... 10:56 M.
High Water at Southport..... 9:15 A. M.
High Water Wilmington..... 11:45 A. M.

When a big bear hunt is going on in the East, how is it that the strenuous Roosevelt can keep out of it?

Col. Bryan continues to declare that "the dollar should not be placed before the man." We need no advice like that, for we have no dollar to risk in a grab game.

Col. T. H. Wilkes, of Chicago, head of the Pullman Palace Car Company, has secured divorces from three different wives. He ought to tell Russia how he can cut loose from Japan.

It is now suspected that the war news was also prepared several months ago when the newspaper war pictures were made and placed in the hands of the foreman to be used if the war between Russia and Japan came on.

The czar of Russia got mad when he heard about it, and said "The insolent foe came by night and attacked our stronghold and fleet." Where were the police that they allowed such a disturbance in the light time?

We note that a northern artist spent a year on one picture and only got \$5 for his painting. A Wilmington man who paints the town red in one night gets \$20 for it, but it's not everybody that knows how to encourage art like Mayor Springer.

Joe Mulhatten was a picturesque liar and his classic preparations always left an impression of cleverness, but much of the war news from the East is out of the whole cloth and is even not decorated with frills.

The story now comes that no torpedoes or mines have been sunk at Vladivostok and the place is to be totally unprepared to resist attack. The Russian authorities really appear to have been laboring under a fatal drowsiness.

The czar says the Japanese sneaked up in the night and began the war, and the Japanese minister, Mr. Kurino, who several days ago left the Russian capital, says Russia forced the war on Japan. Which one of them is telling a what-you-may-call-'em?

Now the news comes from Washington that the Democratic "re-organizers" are almost in a panic because there is danger that Bryan and Hearst may unite and develop strength enough to make a platform and nominate a candidate at Louisville to suit themselves.

EARLY MORN BLAZE.

Zoeller's Jewelry Store Almost Completely Destroyed by Fire Early To-day.

THE FIREMEN HANDICAPPED.

Damage to Adjoining Buildings and Stock by Smoke and Water-Blaze Started by Seltzer's Tailor Shop from a Store—Fully Insured.

At a quarter to two o'clock this morning fire was discovered on the second floor of Zoeller's jewelry store, next to northeast corner of Front and Princess streets. For a time it looked like a general conflagration would ensue as nearly all the apparatus and hose were still engaged at the wharf fire, which occurred earlier in the night in the northern part of the city, but thanks to an almost dead calm and the prompt arrival of the chemical engine, the flames were confined to the building in which they originated, though property adjoining was badly damaged by water and smoke.

The fire originated from a stove in G. F. Seltzer's tailor shop, on the second floor of the Zoeller store, and when discovered it had already eaten its way through the floor and was dropping through the metal ceiling below. Mr. Zoeller's jewelry store is almost a total loss, though the valuable part of the stock is safe in fire-proof vaults. Mr. Zoeller's loss is covered by insurance of \$5,000 with different agencies, in the city. The building is owned by Mrs. Barbara Bear and is about three-fourths of a total loss, partially, at least, covered by insurance. Mr. Seltzer's place is a total loss with no insurance. The damage is several hundred dollars.

The clothing and gent's furnishing stock of Mr. I. Shrier, on the corner is almost completely ruined by water and smoke but is partially covered with \$5,000 insurance. Only a few days ago Mr. Shrier cancelled an additional policy for \$3,500 on account of his broken confidence in one of the companies which took heavily in the Baltimore fire. The building occupied by Mr. Shrier is owned by Mr. Sol Bear and is only slightly damaged.

The merchant tailoring establishment of Munson & Co., next north of the Zoeller store, was not so badly damaged by smoke and water as the Shrier building. The loss, however, will be considerable, partially covered by insurance.

On the second floor of the Shrier building Dr. J. H. Dreher had his dental office. The damage will be quite heavy by smoke and water. On the same floor Mr. J. B. Hooper occupied living apartments. He had been in his room very late, writing, and heard a crackling sound. He took his pistol and went in search of burglars, but upon reaching the street, found that the fire was breaking through the floor. Mr. Hooper carried \$300 insurance on the effects in his room. On the third floor Messrs. W. N. Freeman and C. J. Roberts, the latter a salesman for Mr. I. Shrier, occupy a room. They were awakened by Mr. Hooper and escaped after the flames had gained considerably headway.

The blaze broke out of the building first over the front of Zoeller's jewelry store. Foreman Louis Freimuth had climbed on a ladder and was just turning on a stream when a shower of glass fell all round him. He clung manfully to a rung of the ladder as the flames shot out and finally succeeded in subduing them. More than one person who witnessed the act said the plucky fireman deserved a medal. And he does.

It was a long time before the hose wagons could get up from the river fire and when they did come, every thing was frozen up so that a long delay was inevitable. However, two streams were finally secured from the opposite corner and the fire was fought from the front and through the hallway on the second floor of the Bear building on the corner. The tide again calling on the department was sent in by Police Sergeant C. W. Woodard from box 41, Water and Mark et streets.

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS.

Clearance of Two Vessels and Arrival of Another—Lumber for Cuba, Schooner "Joseph G. Ray," 1,069 tons, Capt. Crocker, Boston to Wilmington, arrived at anchor at Southport at 5:30 yesterday afternoon.

Schooner "M. O. Haskell," Capt. Wingfield, cleared yesterday for Baracoa, Cuba, with cargo of lumber from the Cape Fear Lumber Co.

Schooner "Rachel W. Stevens" cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 24,586 cross ties consigned by the Standard Pole & Tie Co.

Norris Gave Bond.

L. T. Norris, the young white man placed in jail Tuesday on a charge of seduction, yesterday gave \$100 bond, with Messrs. Elijah Chadwick and G. F. Quinn as sureties, and was released until a preliminary hearing at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon before Justice John J. Fowler.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hall & Pearsall—Notice.
Academy of Music—The Knowles.
Geo. L. Morton Co.—Card of thanks.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Jersey cow.
Notice—New Walbach light.
Wanted—To purchase a home.

LOCAL DOTS.

"Nothing doing" in either spirits or rosin on the local naval stores market yesterday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

General Berry, U. S. A., of Atlanta, commander of the Department of the Gulf, made an official visit to Fort Caswell Tuesday.

The tug "Alexander Jones" went out Sunday in search of an unknown schooner reported dismantled, but nothing was seen of the vessel.

The firemen desire to thank Mr. I. Shrier for hot coffee served them after their rough experience with the blaze on Front street this morning.

The D. L. Gore Company yesterday received a solid car load of Good Luck Baking Powder which is being placed in the company's extensive warehouses on Water street.

By deed filed for record yesterday Jesse E. Smith and wife transferred to J. O. Hinton, for \$900, property on south side of Red Cross street, 99 feet west of Fifth street, 32x165 feet in size.

Work has already been commenced on tearing away the McRoe building, opposite the postoffice, which will give way to a handsome new building to be erected by Mr. Matt J. Hayer.

The name of the man implicated in the murder of Jesse Solos and Jim Staley by the confession of Jabel Register is Smith and not White, as appeared from a typographical error in yesterday's paper.

Allen Pearsall, the young negro who "borrowed" an overcoat and hat from George W. Britt, was released in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, Mr. Britt manifesting no disposition to further prosecute the negro.

Capt. Robinson, of the 19th Company which arrived last week from Cuba, is now in command of the post at Caswell, he being the ranking officer since the transfer of M. J. Landon, whose permanent successor has not yet been appointed.

The "tacky party" which was postponed last week on account of the inclement weather will be given to-night by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at the residence of Mrs. R. F. Warren, No. 511 Chestnut street. All friends are invited.

Retail Grocers' Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association was held last Tuesday night. Routine business was transacted. The secretary was instructed not to deliver any more reports to non-paying members, but to give the accounts to the attorney. The secretary recommended that the dues of the Association be made 75 cents per month, the same as the dues of the Merchants' Association, but the matter was deferred until a subsequent meeting. Several members spoke of the advantages of the collection feature of the Association. The secretary was requested to call on all members and secure their reports of delinquents so that all may be advised as to whom to extend credit.

K. of P. Banquet at Mount Olive.

Wilmington K. of P. lodges are appointing representatives to attend a banquet to be given at the new Hotel Olivette, at Mount Olive, by the Pythians of that city to-morrow evening. Mr. L. B. Rogers was named by Jefferson lodge last night and will probably attend. The Mount Olive Knights propose to make a grand affair of the banquet and have sent out a large number of invitations. The committee is composed of Messrs. R. J. Southerland, M. C. B. Cherry and W. F. Patten. The invitations are being sent out by O. C. Blackley, Keeper of Records and Seals.

New Pythian Officers.

Owing to the removal from the city of Chancellor R. C. Rabright and Mr. Alex. S. Holden, another officer of the lodge, Jefferson Lodge of Pythians last night found it necessary to make new election of officers and the following were chosen: Chancellor Commander, W. O. Page; Vice Chancellor, W. P. McLaughlin; Prelate, J. E. Hatch; Master-at-Arms, C. W. Craig, Keeper of Records and Seals, Anson Alligood; Inner Guard, E. Y. Beardsley, and Outer Guard, G. W. Branch. The appointive officers remain the same. The new ones were duly installed last night by D. G. C. Anson Alligood.

Funeral of Capt. Noble.

The funeral of the late Capt. S. W. Noble was conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of friends, including members of Cape Fear Camp of Veterans, who assembled at the W. L. I. armory and attended the obsequies in a body. The funeral services were very pretty. The honorary escort was composed of Capt. W. M. Stevenson and Dr. A. D. McClure. The service was held at 3:30 o'clock and was very pretty. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

Coast Line Struck.

There were no developments in the A. C. L. strike yesterday. The situation is now regarded more favorable to the company. No credence is given the report that the engineers will refuse to work on account of the possible deterioration of the roadway.

FIRE ON RIVER FRONT.

Big Warehouse Belonging to Hall & Pearsall and Morton Naval Store Yards Ablaze.

DAMAGE MAY REACH \$30,000.

All Losses Pretty Well Covered by Insurance—Uplift Fight by the Department—Engine Lost a Narrow Escape—Many Spectators.

Wilmington's water front was visited by another serious conflagration early last night. The large one-story, frame, metal-covered warehouse of Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, and a part of the naval store yards of the George L. Morton Company, adjoining, on the south side of Brunswick street dock, were completely swept by the flames, entailing a loss of between \$25,000 and \$30,000, which is, fortunately, pretty well carried by insurance. The "Water Land Depot," a larger warehouse of similar construction and belonging to Hall & Pearsall, in close proximity on the south, was saved by the firemen with difficulty and after heroic work.

A northeast wind, sweeping the flames toward the river, not prevailed at the time, a large part of the entire water front of the city would have been threatened. The Seaboard Air Line warehouses on the north were only a short distance from the burning building and yards, but the wind was favorable, and they were at no time endangered. During the fire, one of the engines of the department, fighting from the water front, was almost caught by the approach of the flames, but the firemen by the hardest work and great endurance of heat managed to save the machine with only slight damage.

Night Watchman A. C. Bisset did covered the fire about 7:30 o'clock. It undoubtedly had its origin from wood choppers camped on the wharf and the flames were first discovered on the north side of the warehouse. An alarm was given by the watchman and the department responded to box 41 at Nutt and Brunswick streets. Arriving on the scene, the firemen found the way blocked by a railroad car at the gate on Nutt street and the only hydrant in the vicinity was inaccessible a block and a half distant between the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line railway. However, several streams were soon playing on the building and two engines were put to work from the water front.

The naval stores burned fiercely in the building about the yard and two explosions of powder shot the flames all over the place. Several Atlantic Coast Line cars on the yards were in danger but were soon taken to a place of safety by a shifting engine. The tug "Marion" was soon on the scene with one of the engines on a flat. Both the tug and the engine began playing on the fire from the river while the firemen fought from the other side. Several times the larger warehouse on the south caught but each time well directed work of the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. The building was well covered with metal sheathing and that was a great factor in saving it. The fire was under control within two hours after it started. In the large warehouse Hall & Pearsall had stored their principal stock of heavy groceries such as salt, sugar, rice, corn, etc. They announced soon after the fire that their losses would in no way interfere with their business and that all orders will be filled promptly as heretofore.

ESTIMATE OF THE LOSSES.

The burned building was erected about ten years ago in strict observance of the fire regulations of the city. It was 60x100 feet in size and fronted directly on the river. The larger warehouse, which was saved, is 75x300 feet in size and is very little damaged, though the metal covering is pretty well warped. The losses of Messrs. Hall & Pearsall aside from slight damage to the larger warehouse, will be between \$18,000 and \$20,000; covered by something over \$15,000 insurance. The burned building is valued at between \$4,500 and \$5,000, and the contents and approximate losses are about as follows: Four hundred cases spirits turpentine, \$12,000; molasses, hay, vinegar, etc., \$2,000; sixty tons fertilizers and cotton seed meal, \$1,300; ten bales cotton, \$500; 500 empty spirits casks, \$500. Of these, the figures are only approximate, and the exact damage will not be known for several days.

Mr. Jesse Wilder, active member of the Geo. L. Morton Company, said last night that he could not estimate his losses, but that he thought he was fully covered by insurance under policies with agencies of Walker Taylor, J. H. Boatwright & Son and W. H. Hodges. It is estimated that the losses of the Morton Company will be between \$5,500 and \$4,250. In the warehouse Mr. Wilder had 75 casks of spirits, valued at \$2,225, and the property destroyed on the yards consisted of about 250 barrels of crude, 250 barrels of tar and about 300 empty tar barrels. The mules and horses on the burned premises were saved by the night watchman. Mr. Wilder was congratulating himself last night that the fire did not cross the railroad track on the yards, burning the turpentine still and other property upon which he had no insurance.

NOTES OF THE FIRE.

Many persons remarked last night that the Board of Aldermen's determination to give the water front better facilities in the way of hydrants should not be longer deferred. It will be remembered that only a short time ago the recommendation of Chairman S. Behrends to remove

the present inaccessible hydrant from between the railroad tracks and to place other hydrants in that section, was unanimously approved by the Board of Aldermen and an appropriation was made to cover the cost of same. But the matter has been deferred and deferred from time to time. The fire last night will no doubt bring forth prompt action by the Board of Audit and Finance. For the very reason that property in that section is inadequately protected, the Carolina Insurance Company, of this city, had no risks on the property destroyed last night.

The explosions during the fire and the early hour at which it occurred brought out a large number of spectators, who stood at a safe distance and watched the fire and the heroic efforts made by the firemen to control it. The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon from box 33 was on account of a small fire at a house owned and occupied by Alex. Huggins, at 910 Dawson street. The damage was of no consequence.

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned Regular Meeting of Directors Yesterday—Better Collections.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association was held yesterday at 3:30 P. M. in the Association's office in the E. L. building, President C. M. Whitlock presiding and Mr. John Haar, the secretary, at his post. The following directors were present: Vice President J. H. Thomas, M. G. Tiencken, Geo. O. Gayford and P. Helsenberger.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Secretary and Treasurer John Haar submitted his report, which was on motion received and ordered filed. Former Secretary and Treasurer P. Helsenberger was, by a unanimous vote, elected an honorary member of the Association.

All the members present participated in a general discussion of a plan for enlarging the usefulness of the present method of collecting accounts, and in the near future, no doubt, more effective measures will be adopted. After transacting routine business the meeting adjourned.

SMALLPOX OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

Mr. James Dodd, manager of Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse, is the Patient.

Mr. James Dodd, manager of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company, yesterday developed a case of smallpox and he is now quarantined with all females of the house at the residence of Dr. Anderson, nearly opposite the City Hall. Mr. Dodd has been travelling in the country a good deal of late in the interest of the tobacco warehouse and it is reasonably certain that he contracted the disease there. Two policemen are maintaining the quarantine. Dr. Anderson removed to the city a few weeks ago from Pender county and has a number of boarders at his house, all of whom will be kept under strict quarantine until all danger of contagion is passed.

There are 14 persons in all who will be quarantined—Dr. Anderson and wife and two daughters, Misses Floris and Agnes; Mr. and Mrs. Dodd and two children; a Mr. Register, proprietor of a wood yard; a Mr. Somersall, who is employed as a barkeeper; Mr. J. I. Ham, an employee at the A. O. L. freight warehouse, and a small clerk named Hugginsworth.

THE FLOYDS IN LEGERDEMAIN.

Attraction at V. M. A. To-morrow Night Said to be Par Excellence.

The Floyds in sleight of hand and magic will be the attraction at the V. M. A. auditorium to-morrow night. Their name is said to be synonymous with the best in their line and the performance will no doubt be witnessed by many.

Mr. Floyd, assisted by his wife "Mahala" is presenting this season new and novel features while their wonderful feats are said to border so closely on the supernatural as to be marvellous. They are said to be without a rival in their work. Box seat now open at DeLoesset's book store.

Home for a Little Tot.

Mr. Wm. B. Streeter, State Superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, is in the city for two or three days. He brought the babe for whom a home was desired by advertisement in the STAR last week, and placed her in a good Wilmington family on Tuesday night. It is a pretty brown-eyed girl, 20 months old, and Mr. Streeter says it is a little beauty. He states that the Society has in its care three fine mountain boys for whom homes are desired. The North Carolina Children's Home Society was chartered last November, but it had previously begun work at Greensboro in September. Since then twenty little waifs, abandoned children, orphans and homeless children have been cared for.

A "Clipping Party."

The Sunbeam Society of the First Baptist church will give a unique and amusing entertainment, in the lecture room of the church this evening beginning at 8 o'clock. A "Clipping Party" will be in vogue besides other pleasing attractions. Refreshments will be served, but no entrance fee will be charged. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Coming to "Airle."

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and a large party of Northern friends are expected to arrive this morning on three special cars to spend a part of Lent at the handsome country estate of Mr. Jones, on the sound. The party upon arrival to Wilmington will go straight through to "Airle."

WAS ROBBERY FAKE?

Ex-Alderman and Major Andrew Walker Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement.

LODGE MEN ARE AFTER HIM.

Colored Odd Fellows Say Their Treasurer Resorted to Clever Ruse to Fleec Them—Preliminary Trial To-morrow Afternoon.

Andrew J. Walker, colored, an ex-Alderman of the city and late a major in the regiment of negro troops which volunteered in North Carolina for service in the Spanish-American war, was arrested yesterday upon charges of embezzlement preferred upon information and belief of Robert McDonald of the Free Sovereign Lodge, No. 1419, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of which Walker was lately the duly elected and acting treasurer.

The amount of lodge money which McDonald alleges that Walker misappropriated is \$276.03 and back of it there is an interesting little story. Readers of this paper will recall that on the night of January 1st, this year, while on his way to make a showing of the finances of the lodge to the Board of Trustees at Bath Hall, Walker gave out that he was knocked down and robbed of \$357.54 by two colored highwaymen at Sixth and Nutt streets. All the money belonged to the lodge except \$6.38 which was Walker's individual property, he said. Now his lodge brethren will attempt to show that the robbery was all a fake and that the colored treasurer resorted to that ruse to escape a shortage. The two Dr. Marks, colored physicians, have been summoned to show that the wounds received by Walker were not such as to render him unconscious. On the other hand the ex-treasurer has summoned Policeman H. W. Howell, who heard Walker cry out a block distant and came to his relief, finding him in a semi-conscious condition on the sidewalk. It was reported that blood was coming from his ears and nose.

Walker has employed Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy to defend him while Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy have been employed by the lodge to conduct the prosecution. Walker's counsel became his surety in the sum of \$300 for his appearance to-morrow afternoon at 9 o'clock for preliminary trial in Justice Fowler's court. Owing to the rather unusual circumstances surrounding the alleged embezzlement, the case is attracting wide attention in the city.

The ex-alderman's story of the robbery as told at the time is that he boarded a car at Second and Princess streets and got off at Seventh street on his way to Bath Hall. When near the building, Walker said he saw two negro men standing near the pavement and as he passed them one seized him by the arm and tore his overcoat while the other knocked him senseless with a club. He says he remembers having received two licks, but afterward he was unconscious and didn't know whether they struck him while he was down or not. His pants pocket was torn while the robbers hurriedly took his roll of money out. It was in a handkerchief and was wrapped around with paper. He was down for the following day and told the story of the robbery. Policeman Howell, who was at Sixth and Ann streets, is reported to have heard the lick which felled Walker and heard him about for help. He ran in that direction but did not see either of the robbers. He found Walker unconscious. Walker says when he came to himself Officer Howell was helping him up off the pavement. He says he received two severe licks, one on the shoulder and one on the left side of the head, the latter causing blood to come from his ears and nose.

ANOTHER DUNN BANK SUSPENDED.

Two Institutions in Enterprising Harriet County Have Failed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

RALPHIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—State Bank Examiner Ellington notified the Corporation Commission this morning that he finds the Bank of Dunn insolvent and the Commission instructed him to take charge and hold the assets until a receiver is appointed. It was only a few days ago that the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, the only other bank of the town, closed its doors. W. A. Stewart is appointed by Judge Allen as receiver. The President of the Bank of Dunn is L. J. Best; cashier, J. W. Pardie. The capital is \$20,000. The last report showed resources of \$37,075.22. Deposits subject to check \$25,144.70; time certificate deposits, \$2,408.70.

Chased Him to Justice. George W. Mills, an ex-deputy sheriff, will be arraigned in Justice Fowler's court today, charged with disorderly conduct. It is alleged that he was after an obnoxious negro and chased him into the house of Justice G. W. Barnhouse, using vile and profane language toward him in the presence of Mrs. Barnhouse, who ordered the incensed white man off the premises.

Marriage Announced. Friends in the city have received handsome cards reading as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. William Harden have the honor of announcing the marriage of their niece Miss Fannie Oswald Bradley to Mr. Arthur Hays Myers on Tuesday the sixteenth of February, One thousand nine hundred and four, in the city of Savannah, Georgia."

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

To-day at 4 o'clock at our Store, Armour's Extract of Beef

Demonstrator will serve a Welsh Rarebit.

That toothsome and dainty dish that has tickled the palates of epicures for a century. Remember the hour, be sure to visit her. During the entire day she will serve Soups, Bouillions, Beef Teas, etc. No obligation to buy, it is free with our compliments.

To-day is the last day the man in our Store will make the wire Jeweler, which we give away with each purchase of a dollar. We expect a crowd the entire day.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

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WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 18.

THE ONLY CHANCE FOR RAILROAD EXTENSION.

There are several bidders in the field with propositions to lease the State's railroad—the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, extending from Morehead City, on the Atlantic ocean, to Goldsboro. The bidders propose to extend the line, and if the State should lease the property and the extensions are made, it would certainly add to the value of the State's railroad.

From yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer we take the following editorial:

"To many the most attractive part of the various propositions to lease the 'Multi Road' is the offer to extend the road. The indications seem to point to the fact that the three big systems do not intend to build additional extensions for the present. What railroad building was expected soon must be done, in all probability, by smaller independent companies. Here are the four extensions which the bidders for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad agree to make of that road if leased to them:

1. The Mill Creek syndicate agree to build an extension of the Atlantic and North Carolina road from Goldsboro to Youngville, Henderson or Nottoway, with a connection with the Seaboard Air Line, giving, as they say, direct and quick competition to Northern markets.

2. The Edwards syndicate agree to extend from Goldsboro to Sanford, where connection would be made with the Seaboard, the Southern and Atlantic Coast Lines. Sanford is the only town in the State reached by all three of these great systems. Mr. Edwards and his company are building a railroad from Sanford to Hatteras, and are now running trains from Sanford to Jonesboro.

3. The Barber-Turner syndicate, the promoters of the Raleigh and Pamlico Railroads, have made no formal bid, but state that if the road is to be leased they would make a bid and would build as much road as would be necessary to connect their road with the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The nearest line would be for them to build from Snow Hill to La Grange. They might prefer to build to Kinston, where they would have a large freight business.

4. Captain Melroe and his associates, who possess the matter of the Governor's hands, provide for an extension of the road due north from New Bern to Washington, a distance of thirty-five miles, and to connect with the Southern line from Washington to Plymouth, a new line from Plymouth to Edenton, and the use of the Norfolk and Southern from Edenton to Norfolk, thus making an all rail route from Goldsboro or Morehead to Norfolk.

Inasmuch as the 'Old Mail' is so much sought after, and inasmuch as the people of the State desire the construction of new railroads, it is too much to hope that a new bidder will come forth and offer to build all four of the above proposed extensions if he can thereby lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad!

WE SEE HIS FINISH.

The fool-killer has got a good job on hand when he comes across one Dr. Cortland Myers, of New York, or somewhere in that neighborhood. Recently the doctor got in the push at Washington and actually shook hands with Roosevelt. Since then the doctor refuses to wash the hand that was grasped by Roosevelt's and declares that he never intends to let soap and water wash off the contact with the immortal Teddy. The period of contact occurred last week.

Cortland Myers has got the worst case of Rooseveltitis that we have ever heard about. With an unwashed hand reeking with microbes, Myers ought to be quarantined and kept tied up till the axe is sharpened enough for the fool-killer to make a slick job of it.

THE DEMOCRATS WON'T LET YOU.

Secretary Shaw states that the discussion of the trusts and the tariff has been eliminated by the Republicans. Roosevelt may "stand pat" on the tariff, but if he lets the trusts slacken on the trusts, as the lead horse of the Republican band wagon, it will have the appearance of a flunk on his part. We will guarantee that the Democrats will not let the Republicans "eliminate" the discussion of the trusts and tariff revision.

The Washington Post smashed the rolling pin when it made this hit:

"Secretary Shaw apparently has an idea that the making of campaign issues is a purely Republican privilege."

The Daily Reflector, an afternoon paper published in the little city of Greenville, N. C., is now taking the press dispatches and giving the people of its community the latest news from the war. This is a stroke of enterprise on the part of Editor Whitehead that the people of Greenville cannot too highly appreciate.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption, and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The office of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. B. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

PIERCE'S
FAVORITE
PRESCRIPTION
FOR WEAK WOMEN.

TWINKLINGS.

"To me Wagner is a religion."
"Yes?" "Yes—that is to say, what I can't understand I take on trust."
—Brooklyn Life.

"Tut, tut, my boy! You must not beat that little dog so. Has he bitten you?" "No, no sir, but he's been an 'swallowed my fardlin'!"
—Punch.

"Gilbert—I went to the lunatic asylum yesterday. Noyes—And they let you come away? Perhaps the places were all taken?"
—Boston Transcript.

—Rob—Say, Bob, loan me \$100, will you? "Rob—Why, man, have you lost your senses?" "Rob—No; at least not my sense of touch."
—Vale Record.

—Friend—And after all medicines had failed to get the little boy out of bed, what then? Physician—I showed him a sign that read "Good skating."
—Chicago News.

"Of course, the Professor is a shabby old fellow, but he understands the language."
"H'm, but he doesn't hear money talk in any of them."
—Philadelphia Press.

"What did you think of my death scene?" asked the actor.
"Well, it seemed to me it came a little too late in the piece," was the reply.
—Chicago Post.

—Casady (at the wake)—"Tis very natural he looks like that. I am sure he looks for all the world like a fellow who's been laid out."
—Philadelphia Press.

"You told me I could bet my last dollar on that old plug that came in fourth in yesterday's race."
"I believe I did, but I didn't suppose you'd be fool enough to do it."
—Chicago Tribune.

—Mr. Swells Up—Dresses, dresses, dresses! My goodness, woman, do you ever think of anything else? "U. S. S. now you mention it, Henry. I do need a new bunnet."
—Chicago Daily News.

—The Circus Trust has decided to abolish the parade. The Peanut Trust intends to raise prices. And we'll laugh and chat the next Anglinman a fool who comes over here and says the Americans don't enjoy themselves.
—Kansas City World.

—Scylla and Charybdis—What's the matter, Bob? You look worried. "I am trying to decide whether to go to the St. Louis Fair and wish I had stayed at home, or to stay at home and wish I had gone."
—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

—Editor of "Weekly Howl"—What on earth is the matter out there? "Office boy—Why, there's a lot of married fellows who've got their yer yer printin' an article about 'How to Strengthen a Woman's Voice.'"
—Comic Cuts.

—Mrs. Brown—How did you find out that Jones' wife belongs to our sewing circle? We thought she was a great many of those it. "Brown—Easily enough. I've noticed that her husband fastens his suspenders with a string."
—Chicago News.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Gov. Yates says the people of Illinois know him. If that's true, we can see his finish.—Washington Post.

—The Russian bear may be able to walk like a man, but he swims very much like a Langley airship.—Washington Post.

—What is Most Needed: Colonel Bryan talks glibly about the votes he thinks the Democrats don't want. Our opinion has been that the party will want a great many of those it did not get when the Colonel headed the ticket.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

—Agricultural department reports show that aside from million cows, there are over 45,000,000 cattle on the hoof in this country, and that they are valued at about two cents a pound. When turned into beef they bring an average of about eight times that, as housekeepers know to their regret. The reason is, that protected by a tariff of two cents a pound on dressed meats, the farmer is able to sell his beef at a price that would otherwise be impossible to put the price up to "all the public will stand."
—Brooklyn Citizen.

—War is in any case a terrible thing. It is unappealingly wicked for those who should be neutral to prove it and to aggravate its ferocity through the gratification of wanton passion or uncalculated hatred. It is a noble thing to regard both belligerents as friends, unhappily for the time estranged from each other, but none the less the friends of the rest of the world, and thus to exert all our influences toward ameliorating the conditions of the war itself and toward hastening its close upon a basis of justice to both and of mutual respect.—N. Y. Tribune.

Mysterious Circumstances.

One was pale and sorrowful and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lax organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c. at R. B. BELLAMY's drug store.

ALL WHO USE ATOMIZERS in treating nasal catarrh will get the best results from Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.

New Orleans, Sept. 1, 1900.
MESSRS. ELY BROS.—I sold two bottles of your Liquid Cream Balm to a customer, Wm. Lamberth, 1416 Delachaise street, New Orleans; he has used the two bottles, giving him wonderful and most satisfactory results.
GEO. W. McILROY, Pharmacist.

NOT OVER SIXTY YEARS.

Mrs. WENLOW'S SUFFERING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children, with little or no interruption. It soothes the child, softens the gums, and always all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Wenlow's Suffering Syrup, and take no other kind.

CASORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of *Cas. H. Little*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, declines the call to be pastor of the Baptist church at Fayetteville.

—A friend of Davidson College has sent Dr. Smith a check for one thousand dollars for building a new athletic field.

—Durham Herald: Lawyers can sometimes save the life of a rich man, but the doctors do not appear to be so fortunate.

—Durham Herald: Judging by a communication in the Asheville Citizen we take it that the candidate from that section has received no assurances from the East.

—Durham Herald: Let the railroads carry their appeals from the corporation commission to the United States courts. The sooner we find out whether or not the commission has power to enforce its orders the better.

—Captain J. H. Exum, of Whitaker's and Major J. F. Freeland, of Durham, met in Durham, Monday for the first time in 45 years. They served in the war between the States and had not seen each other since November 1861. They did not know each other, and had to be introduced.

—Greenville Reflector: Taking the size of the town and the extent of the fire into consideration, the disaster at Wilmington is proportionately greater than at Baltimore. While Baltimore lost business houses numbering in the thousands, and has thousands more left; but Greenville with only ten stores lost nine of them and has but one left.

—Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young, at Raleigh, states that the fire insurance companies are licensed to do business in North Carolina. They report an aggregate of \$900,000,000 assets and surplus, and an excess of \$94,000,000 over liabilities. Their losses in the Baltimore fire are estimated at from \$90,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

—Greenboro Telegram: New York is manifestly the key of the situation. Without its vote the Democratic party cannot win; with its vote Democratic triumph is in sight. Is it not then the duty of every Democratic leader to put aside personal preferences and select as the candidate the man most certain to restore New York to the Democracy? And is not that man Alton Brooks Parker?

—Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 27th: Governor Aycock yesterday pardoned Minerva Strickland, who had served nearly nine years of a fifteen years sentence for the killing of Edward Kelley, in Surry county. Minerva Strickland was convicted of manslaughter, in March, 1895, with her daughter, Laura Bell. The mother got fifteen years and the daughter ten years. Yesterday Laura Bell's term expired, and the Governor allowed her mother to go home with her.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Fires not only wipe out the property consumed in the flames, but they carry financial ruin to banking institutions and progressive business men as well. The news now comes that the failure of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank at Dunn was due to the burning of the furniture factory. The president of the bank and the bank were carrying the factory and the loss caused embarrassment.

—Judge Purnell yesterday adjudged as bankrupt the Dunn Hardware and Furniture Company. No referee has been named yet. Judge Purnell's action was the result of an application from the creditors of the company. It is a large concern.

—Durham Herald, Feb. 16th: The board of city aldermen decided last night to sell the water works and to add to this city selling business, or else make those who sell assist the city in keeping up the expense account. The board decided to levy a tax of \$50 per year upon all dealers in water. Since the establishment of the water works, the city has been selling houses here and there, and since in all parts of the town. It is said that there are now thirty-six different stores handling oil. The oil, in many instances, is such that the officers are doubtful about it. It is a genuine oil, at least it is a genuine fact that the oil has come in many instances. The new tax year begins April 30th and the board decided that the tax should begin from and after March 1st.

—"Triplets," said Willie Winkler, top with a very knowing "al" says come to poor families. It's when God sends them a whole line of samples to pick from and they haven't enough money to pay the expressman to take two of 'em back.—Lippincott's.

PREMATURE AGE

Is brought on by a failing body, as many Wilmington readers know.

Failure to provide for the welfare of the body causes the body to fail, and brings on premature age. Men of 35 who are afflicted with kidney troubles walk about like men of 75. It's easy to cure it, and to regain the elastic step that you should have. A well known Wilmington man tells how.

J. A. White, electrician for the Coast Line R. R., Rocky Mount, residing at 306 North Sixth street, says: "I have had great trouble with my back, right across the loins, and when I sat still for a while I hardly knew how to move and when I did you would think I was seventy-five years old. My eyes were painful all over me and I could not tell where they were to strike me. I used liniments and lots of remedies but nothing did me any permanent good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's drug store and used them. They helped me in a very short time and seemed almost to oil up my joints. In fact, I have not had the pains since I used them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. C., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Healthier Than Before.

My little girl was caught in the rain on Sunday, being drenched from head to foot. A very bad cough developed that night, and I at once began giving Cheney's Expectorant. In less than two days all symptoms disappeared, and she is as well now as ever.

MRS. A. T. POTTS.

Hot Springs, Ark.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

SUFFERED A THOUSAND DEATHS.

The Physicians had done their best to cure James Williams, of Dillon, S. C., who had out of the most horrible cases of RHEUMATISM. They failed. They all failed until one doctor prescribed—

Rheumacide

IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE.
"My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my knees. I was as helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and shrunken. I suffered most of my time over. I was treated by all different physicians in McCall, Dillon and Marion, but all of them did me no good. I was completely cured by Dr. Williams' Rheumacide. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I was able to get on my feet. I had been in bed for 12 months and was completely cured. Dr. F. F. Rivington, M.D., writes: 'I have written in your publication.'"
ROBERT CHEMICAL CO., PROPRIETORS, BALTIMORE, MD.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 17.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROBIN—Nothing doing.
TAR—Market firm at \$1.40 per barrel of 200 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$2.50 per barrel for hard, \$4.25 for dip, \$4.25 for virgin.
Quotations—Spirits turpentine last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 65c; rosin firm at \$1.85; turpentine firm at \$1.55; crude turpentine firm at \$2.25, \$3.75 & 4.00.

RECEIPTS.
Spirits turpentine—21
Rosin—321
Crude turpentine—24
Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 481 barrels; rosin, 45 barrels; crude turpentine, 45 barrels.

Nothing doing.
Same day last year, market firm at \$2.50 per barrel.

Receipts—67 barrels; same day last year, 405.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing the market for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.
PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, \$1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds.

CORN—Firm, 75c @ 80c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16c @ 18c per pound; shoulders, 13c @ 15c, sides, 12c @ 14c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Growers, 25c @ 30c per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 13c @ 15c for live.

BREWSW—Firm at 25c @ 30c.

TAILOW—Firm at 54c @ 56c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c @ 55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 93c @ 95c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Money on call easy at 14c @ 15c per cent; closing bid 14c; 10 days, 15c; 30 days, 16c; 60 days, 17c; 90 days, 18c; 120 days, 19c; 180 days, 20c; 270 days, 21c; 360 days, 22c; 450 days, 23c; 540 days, 24c; 630 days, 25c; 720 days, 26c; 810 days, 27c; 900 days, 28c; 990 days, 29c; 1080 days, 30c; 1170 days, 31c; 1260 days, 32c; 1350 days, 33c; 1440 days, 34c; 1530 days, 35c; 1620 days, 36c; 1710 days, 37c; 1800 days, 38c; 1890 days, 39c; 1980 days, 40c; 2070 days, 41c; 2160 days, 42c; 2250 days, 43c; 2340 days, 44c; 2430 days, 45c; 2520 days, 46c; 2610 days, 47c; 2700 days, 48c; 2790 days, 49c; 2880 days, 50c; 2970 days, 51c; 3060 days, 52c; 3150 days, 53c; 3240 days, 54c; 3330 days, 55c; 3420 days, 56c; 3510 days, 57c; 3600 days, 58c; 3690 days, 59c; 3780 days, 60c; 3870 days, 61c; 3960 days, 62c; 4050 days, 63c; 4140 days, 64c; 4230 days, 65c; 4320 days, 66c; 4410 days, 67c; 4500 days, 68c; 4590 days, 69c; 4680 days, 70c; 4770 days, 71c; 4860 days, 72c; 4950 days, 73c; 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25650 days, 303c; 25740 days, 304c; 25830 days, 305c; 25920 days, 306c; 26010 days, 307c; 26100 days, 308c; 26190 days, 309c; 26280 days, 310c; 26

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At close of business Jan. 10, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1903.)

RESOURCES: Capital, \$100,000.00; Surplus and net profits, \$11,041.46; Total, \$111,041.46.

LIABILITIES: Loans and discounts, \$1,000,000.00; U. S. Bonds (at par), \$20,000.00; Bank and other deposits, \$20,000.00; Cash on hand and in banks, \$61,102.99; Total, \$1,041,102.99.

Comparative statement of deposits.

Jan. 22nd, 1903, \$657,500.00; Jan. 22nd, 1904, \$1,041,102.99.

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This sale includes shoes made by Hagan & Sons, Snow, Humano and many other makes. Prices from 50c to \$3.50. See our windows, every shoe tagged with price and size.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

Feb 14

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Commendation for this Charlotte Speech and the Delineation—An Opportunity to Repay a Debt of Gratitude.

(Charlotte Observer.)

To the Editor of the Observer:

The address of former Lieutenant Governor Steadman in Charlotte at the Lee-Jackson anniversary was a noble and notable effort and made memorable an occasion dear to every Southern heart. All who heard him must linger long under a sense of most delightful remembrance and obligation. I heard one old veteran say that it was the finest speech he had ever heard. I rejoice to see the my old friend, the scholarly and able Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, writes the highest praise of both orator and oration.

Major Steadman displayed the greatest reverence and sympathy for his exalted theme. Not only did he extol in the purest and most fervent rhetoric the virtues of the great military captains of the Confederacy, but in the happiest and most eloquent phrase he paid fitting tribute to the tatterdemalion private whose unequalled valor and devotion immortalized that ill-fated Olympian of war. A soldier without fear and without reproach, he spoke of the leaders and the rank and file of the "Lost Cause" with an inspiration hardly possible in one who was not soldier and comrade himself.

Maj. Steadman came to Charlotte at a time when the city was the active campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Yet it is well to note that, coming here as the invited guest of the Stowell Jackson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, he abstained from referring to his candidacy except in the most casual and general conversational way. Instead of seeking to take advantage of the occasion for electioneering purposes, like many a yawping, blatant, cheap jack politician would have done, he expressly stated that he considered the occasion to be one of fitting the discussion of his personal interests. Newspaper reporters besought him for an interview about the plans and progress of his campaign, but while treating the representatives of the press with the most gracious courtesy he declined to discuss on account of the nature of his mission to talk for publication about himself.

Right there he struck the keynote of his character and by his rare modesty, dignity and delicacy of manner (qualities that no North Carolinian should wish to be lacking in) showed that old-fashioned nobility, unhappily now decadent, which looks like refined gold beside the brass of the braying parvenue, the blustering pettifogger and the mouthing posthumous politician.

The people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg and North Carolina prefer reserve—even to the point of diffidence—to egotism and effrontery in their public men, and Charles Manly Steadman, by his lack of ostentation and his gentle and good bearing has won and is winning the hearts more than he could hope to do by the arts of the demagogue and the strident and stentorian notes of a Bombastes Furioso.

He consented to stand for the nomination only after he had been importuned to do so by individuals and delegations from every section of the State, making a demand to strong and representative he could not with conscience and patriotism persist in opposing. Naturally his support comes from every nook and corner and from all sorts and conditions of men in this old Commonwealth with increasing volume, being strongest only from the localities where he has lived longest and is loved most by those who know him best for the grandeur of his personal and private character. He does not appear before the people of this State as a perpetual, chronic office seeker, as one who has only run the gamut and gone the limit of selfishness in that line. Though by order of priority, precedence and promotion perhaps best entitled to the honor, he prefers to let his character, experience and party loyalty and service speak for him and does not pose as a claimant for the place by virtue of a right divine skin to that of kings—as one to whom the Democratic party and the good people of the great State of North Carolina owe the position of Governor. He takes his chances with his competitors in the most unassuming manner, demanding nothing as his personal due and holding it as a self-evident truth that his State and his party owe no man more than good will.

Major Steadman is a man of beauty of person, of dignity and poise of mind, of gracious and magnetic manners, of learning and breeding, of ability and integrity of the highest order. He would take to the office of Governor an understanding and appreciation of its functions, which make it the glory of the people of the Old North State. The soldier he was one of the most gallant and valiant of men, and I cannot see how any comrade of his can well raise hand or voice against him, as he himself has made it a lifelong rule never to antagonize the interests of an old Confederate. It has always been a question with me as to whether the sole claim for public favor of a man who has fought for his country at the front should not be preferred to the exclusion of all other considerations. But where one man combines in himself all the qualities of both soldier and civilian that make him available in the eyes of his countrymen there is no longer room for doubt. The line of gray is thinning fast. This is powerfully emphasized by the recent passing within a few days of each other of the two beau sabres of the Confederacy—Longstreet and Gordon. In a few short years the most we will no longer have opportunity to show our gratitude to living representatives of that cause so sacred to every good Southern heart. Let every true North Carolinian—I speak from no sense of partisanship—unite with the old soldier element in assisting to a realization of his long deferred and honorable ambition Maj. Charles Manly Steadman, one of the knightliest of men, former Lieutenant Governor and by the grace of God the next Governor of the State.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 18.

PORT OF WUJU, COREA, OPENED TO THE WORLD.

On the Yalu River, Near to Antung, in Manchuria—Action Attributable to Japanese Ascendancy.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul, cables the State Department that Wiju has been declared open to the commerce of the world by the Korean government. The United States was the first power, so far as known, to apply to the Korean government for the opening of Wiju to the world's trade. This action was taken while Japan and England were urging the opening of Yonampo, lying at the mouth of the Yalu river, on the Korean side. The view taken by the State Department was that if we could secure the opening of Wiju, 150 miles up the Yalu above Yonampo, the effect could be to practically open the whole of that stretch of the river to commerce, so that the project really was much larger than the mere opening of a port at the mouth of the river. Wiju lies on the opposite side of the river and very near to Antung, in Manchuria, which the Chinese government, already having American representation at Wiju by a consular or commercial agent.

SWAYNE INVESTIGATION.

Testimony heard upon Judge's conduct in Sentencing Persons for Contempt.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

PENNSAOLA, FLA., Feb. 17.—The last session of the Swayne investigating commission in Pensacola was held to-day, and the committee will have to-morrow for the purpose of the investigation. The session was continued in hearing testimony upon Judge Swayne's conduct in sentencing persons for contempt. Among those who testified were General Simon Bolden, of New Orleans, and T. E. Davis, who were both sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or ten days in prison in connection with the suit of Florida vs. the Pensacola City Company, some ten years ago. Attorney W. A. Blount was placed on the stand to testify as to his knowledge of law, and Judge Swayne's conduct in these cases, and said that the contempt sentence was perfectly proper under the circumstances. The contempt sentence of sixty days placed on the late banker W. O. O'Neal for the alleged assaulting of a trustee in bankruptcy, was recalled and the witness gave it as his opinion that it was not proper and that Judge Swayne had exceeded his authority in adjudging him in contempt.

LILY WHITE REPUBLICANS.

State Ticket Nominated by the Convention at New Orleans.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—The convention of the Lily White Republicans, called to pass a full State ticket to the field to oppose that recently nominated by the Democratic primary, met here to-day. It was a purely white convention, not a negro delegate being present. Before the convention met the executive committee held a meeting and agreed upon the following ticket: Governor, former Mayor W. J. Behan; Lieutenant Governor, J. A. Beatty; Secretary of State, J. C. Phillips; Auditor General, J. C. Phillips; Treasurer, Walter A. O'Neal; Superintendent of Public Education, H. Pugh. The platform was a devoted one to State affairs and embraced an arrangement of the policies of the Democratic party. The convention heartily endorsed the administration of President Roosevelt and more specifically with reference to his course in the matter of the Panama canal. To the President's nomination and endorsement of the convention pledged its support.

IS STILL LIVING.

Bank Cashier Who Shot Himself Twice at Millville, Ga.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., February 17.—C. H. Troutman, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, of Millville, Ga., who shot himself twice last night, is still living, but in a sinking condition. In a letter to President J. T. Allen, of the bank, he said he had touched none of the bank's funds, but had used \$24,000 of the State funds. This money was in his own possession as cashier of the State Sanatorium. He had engaged in cotton speculation and while he had gained a large amount, he lost it and more in the slump. He was a past grand chancellor of the Ku Klux Klan of Pythias. The bank has been closed temporarily.

A SERIOUS FIRE.

Raging at Midnight in a Business Block at Milton, Pa.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 18.—A serious fire is raging at Milton, Pa., and at midnight was taxing the efforts of the firemen, with the assistance of companies from Lewisburg and Watsonburg. The fire originated in the Krause block. The Hotel hotel and the Milton National Bank are in danger of destruction.

Nearly Wrecked His Life.

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JAPAN POURING TROOPS INTO COREA.

Three Divisions, Aggregating 30,000 to 50,000, Sailed on Transports from Tokio.

FOR WEST COAST OF COREA.

Sixty Thousand Concentrated on East Coast With Object of Entering Manchuria—Fighting at Port Arthur.

Russian Ships Torpedoed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—An official dispatch received here to-day from Tokio, announces that one of the most important movements of Japanese troops made to-day. One of the main branches of the army, consisting of three divisions and including a division of guards, is now going on board transports. The previous landings of Japanese forces in Korea and elsewhere are said to have been small compared with this simultaneous sailing of three divisions, aggregating approximately an army of 30,000 to 50,000 men. It is believed, but this is not sure, that the destination of this force lies near the mouth of the Yalu river or a spot on the Liaotung peninsula, flanking Port Arthur.

Another official dispatch says a Japanese transport has been sighted off a town south of the mouth of the Yalu river.

TOKIO, Feb. 17.—Eight transports with Japanese troops from Nagasaki and several additional vessels carrying war munitions are on their way to the west coast of Korea. Detachments of Japanese cavalry have already landed at Wiju, on the Yalu river.

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 17.—The report that the Japanese had landed about 60,000 troops at Wonsan (on the east coast of Korea) with the object of entering Manchuria, are confirmed.

TOKIO, Feb. 17.—It is stated on high authority that the Japanese government, replying through United States Minister Gresham to Secretary Hay, has agreed to the neutralization of China, excluding Manchuria, which Russia is now occupying.

Japan, it is also said, reserves the right to counter-balance any action of Russia in violating China's neutrality. The Emperor, the supreme council of war, the privy council, and a meeting of the cabinet, will probably depart on February 20th for Kyoto, where it is planned temporarily to establish imperial headquarters. The Emperor, however, has not yet been definitely decided upon. Later, it is expected, the Emperor and his entourage will go to Hiroshima, where the Emperor will personally watch the embarkation of the troops.

Russian Warships.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17.—A dispatch has been received here from Wisby, island of Gothenburg, saying that six Russian warships passed the island February 15th, sailing south.

Another Torpedo Attack.

TOKIO, Feb. 17.—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the evening of Sunday, the 14th instant. During the preceding night the vessels of the Japanese flotilla of torpedo craft were parried by the force of the wind and waves in a building storm, so that only two of the larger destroyers succeeded in forcing their way through the fierce gale to Port Arthur. When they arrived there they attacked separately, and the officers of one of them are confident that they succeeded in torpedoing a Russian battleship. The destroyer Asagiri, in charge of Lieutenant Ishikawa, arrived off Port Arthur about 9 o'clock in the morning and was met by a strong force of Russian warships. The Asagiri discharged several torpedoes at a big warship, but the result is unknown. A second wave of torpedoes, fired by the scouting vessels and maintained until they withdrew. The destroyed Hayator, Lieutenant Commander Takanouchi, arrived two hours after the Asagiri and ran up close to the mouth of the harbor, where she found two warships, names unknown. She fired a torpedo at one and the torpedo exploded.

Admiral Togo, in reporting the attack, says although the result was unknown, he is sure that the torpedo attack upon the enemy will be excellent. Commander Nagai commanded the entire torpedo flotilla. The number of torpedoes fired in the attack and the point of their departure is concealed. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur, dated February 17th, says that in the action off that port on February 14th the volunteer fleet steamer Khoros was struck by a 12-inch shell in her upper works. A slight fire broke out which was quickly extinguished. There was no loss of life.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to "The Times" from Kobe, Japan, in reporting the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur, February 14th, says the Russian guardship in the harbor and another Russian warship, lying outside the harbor, were torpedoed and that the Japanese retired without sustaining injury.

A Third Fight.

SAZORU, JAPAN, Feb. 17.—The opinion of Japanese officers here is that a third fight has occurred off Port Arthur, some of the Russian war vessels having been reported as leaving that place.

Russian Official Report.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Victory Alexieff has communicated to the czar the report of Captain Belostein, who is in command of the Russian cruiser division, dealing with the destruction of the Japanese merchant steamer Nagasack. Mares off the northwestern coast of Japan and the capture of forty-one of her crew. Captain Belostein, who is also acting commander of the Vladivostok squadron, says that a small Japanese coaster was also approached, but the violent squall made it impossible to capture the crew and therefore the coaster was not sunk.

Heavy weather, says the victory, prevented him following the coast, and the cruiser squadron, returning for Chaiakoff, fled before the tempest to gain the Korean coast. Owing to the storm the squadron was only able to accomplish five knots per hour. Heavy seas were shipped and the cruisers and the guns were coated with ice, there being nine degrees of frost. Two or three violent gales were encountered within three days.

Keeping Pious Secret.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Japan is most successfully keeping her plans secret. Not a single item of news which could be of possible service to the enemy has been admitted to leak out. The belief is prevalent in London, based on hints in dispatches from correspondents, that her main objective will be found to be the Liaotung peninsula, but that nothing of a military nature will be attempted until Russia's naval squadrons are effectually disposed of.

Two Battleships Destroyed.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The correspond-

ent at the Foo of the Paris edition of the New York "Herald," is a dispatch in which he reports the arrival of junk bearing Japanese wounded from the Port Arthur engagement of February 14th, considers this to show that something more than a torpedo attack took place there.

The correspondent at Tokio of the "Standard" reports that two battleships were destroyed by the attack, while the correspondent at Tien Tsin of the "Standard" says under date of February 17th, that a private dispatch from Port Arthur brings word that the Russian squadron has again taken to sea.

CHE FOO, Feb. 18.—The Port Arthur Che Foo cable was cut yesterday.

Land Operations.

BERLIN, February 17.—The Admiralty here has received confirmation of the reports that Japanese landing operations on a vast scale are taking place on Korean northern coasts and it is assumed by the German authorities that Japan will be ready by early Spring for a forward land movement supported by properly equipped bases.

St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A dispatch has been received here from Major General Fyodor, chief of staff of the Russian army, saying that Yuan Shikai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, has ordered 250,000 men to Tsin Chou to maintain order.

Continuing, he says, everything is quiet at New Ohang, and that the information that the Japanese are forming bases of operations (and that) to attack the railroad is confirmed. Quiet prevails on the Yalu. Russian scouts did not find the enemy within a distance of thirty-four miles from the river.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLES.

Albanians in Revolt—Desperate Conflicts With Ottoman Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—Sixteen thousand Albanians are in revolt in the district of Diakova against the reform plans of the powers for Macedonia and obnoxious taxes. In conflicts which have taken place between Albanians and Ottoman troops the latter were worsted. Despatches have been dispatched to Diakova. The Albanians attacked the town of Diakova, February 15th, and plundered and burned a number of houses. Turkish forces subsequently attacked the insurgent's main position at Babajoshi, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

BALTIMORE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Several of Them Declared Insolvent and Receivers Appointed.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—Application was made to-day for the appointment of a receiver for the Old Town Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore. The bill of complaint alleges that the company is insolvent and unable to pay the claims against it by reason of the fire. The company is said to have assets of \$124,970 and liabilities of \$254,970.

Receiver Richard B. Post, of the Peabody Fire Insurance Company, of Baltimore, arrived to-day that the company will pay policy holders in the burned district 40 cents on the dollar. The policies of this company not affected by the fire have been taken over by an out-of-town company. G. Harlan Williams, president of the Home Fire Insurance, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company to-day and gave bond in the sum of \$400,000, indicating liabilities of \$450,000.

P. E. S. Wolfe, president of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company, and was bonded for \$200,000, indicating liabilities of \$400,000.

Applications had previously been made for receivers for both companies.

MILITARY CALLED OUT.

To Prevent the Lynching of a Negro at Columbus, Ga.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, GA., Feb. 17.—The local military was called out this afternoon to prevent the lynching of Willie Hudson, a negro who pleaded guilty to attempted criminal assault upon Emma Burton, a 13-year-old school girl, a week ago, the place being held at a special term of the Superior Court to-day. Hudson was given the limit of the law—twenty years in the penitentiary.

As the negro was being taken back to the jail, Martin Burton, the father of the young lady, made a desperate attempt to get to the prisoner, but was overpowered by the soldiers. The trial efforts would be made by the friends of Burton to secure the negro, a company of State troops was ordered out.

WARM WIRELETS.

The territorial central Democratic committee at Santa Fe voted down a resolution endorsing W. Hearst for the presidential nomination.

Biscuit and cracker manufacturers of the United States, representing one hundred and sixty-five industries met in annual convention in Atlanta yesterday.

During a patriotic service in the Armenian church at Batu, Russia, just as the clergy had ended chanting a decree and prayer for the success of the Russian army, a bomb was thrown at the officiating priest. Two persons were killed and several were injured.

Sixty-two of the foremen and laborers engaged on the two million dollar plant of the Dan River Power and Manufacturing Company, in course of construction miles above Danville, Va., have been arrested for laboring on Sunday last at those works.

The party of American health commissioners who have been visiting various seaport cities in the republic of Mexico for the purpose of investigating the sanitary conditions, with the view of devising means whereby a future visitation of yellow fever may be prevented from reaching the United States, arrived in Monterey yesterday.

The Japanese government accepts the offer made by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, of Washington, D. C., to take to Japan a party of trained nurses who have seen field service in the camps and hospitals of the United States army. No one is eligible to join the party except graduate nurses who have been in the army.

STATE FUNERAL OF SENATOR HANNA.

Senate Chamber of the National Capitol Filled With Distinguished People.

SCENE OF GREAT SORROW.

President and His Cabinet Present—Justices of Supreme Court, Members of Senate and House, Representatives of Army and Navy.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—In the presence of the grief-stricken family, of many friends whose sorrow was scarcely less profound, the Senate and House of Representatives, of dignitaries from all the other branches of the government, and of the chief official representatives of most of the foreign powers, the funeral of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna occurred to-day in the Senate chamber.

Seldom has a more distinguished body been collected in Washington to do honor, either to the living or the dead.

The floor of the chamber was filled with the representatives of the official life of the national capital, the galleries with people from all the higher walks of society, including the families of officials, and many persons of distinction in the professional and business world.

In the front rank of the eminent assemblage gathered immediately about the bier of the departed statesman sat the President. He was flanked by the members of his cabinet, all of whom had been closely affiliated with Senator Hanna by ties of friendship and political association. Near by were the chief justices and the associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, garbed in their black robes of office, which fluted with the solemnity of the occasion.

The religious ceremony was in the hands of Dr. Edward Beecher, H. H. Chaplain of the Senate, giving it an official character while preserving its solemnity and insuring its simple dignity.

The ceremony did not begin until 13 o'clock, the usual hour of opening the Senate. The casket was borne into the chamber in a hearse, and was placed in the center of the chamber, in front of the desk of the president pro tem.

It was flanked by floral tributes, including one from President Roosevelt, and was surrounded by a guard of honor, headed by Sergeant-at-Arms Randall, of the Senate, and immediately followed by the official committee with Senator Foraker and General Grosvenor at its head.

Slowly the little procession moved down the main aisle of the chamber and the casket was placed upon the catafalque.

Sensor Frye, as president pro tem, stood in front of the casket as the body was borne to its resting place. All the people in the galleries rose as if with one impulse as the casket was borne to its place. The pall bearers were the members of the cabinet, and were called to order and the Senators who had entered took their seats upon the floor of the chamber.

Speaker Cannon took his place at the left of the President pro tem, Mr. Frye. Then came the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries, who were given seats next to the front row of the chamber, and the body of the Senator was borne to the catafalque.

General Gieseler, representing the army and navy, and the associate justices of the Supreme Court were seated next to the casket.

President Roosevelt and members of his cabinet were then announced and all present rose without waiting for the tap of the gavel. The presidential party, including Mr. C. W. Smith, and Commander Winslow, in full uniform. The President and his cabinet occupied the front row of seats at the left of the President pro tem.

Twenty minutes later, Mr. Hanna, leaning upon the arm of her son, Dan R. Hanna, entered the chamber and seated herself in the front row on the left of the President pro tem.

President pro tem, Frye then addressed the Senate, saying: "Senators: 'You have solemnly and lovingly dedicated this day to an observance of a proper funeral ceremony for Marcus A. Hanna, late a distinguished member of this body, and all business will be suspended to that end.'"

Chaplain Cowden, of the House, then offered an invocation. Immediately afterward, Mr. Hanna delivered his funeral address. He wore his clerical robes and his body was garbed in dignified and solemn. He did not use his notes in speaking, but never failed for a word, and although a man of florid features, his voice penetrated every corner of the hall.

After the prayer with which Dr. Hanna closed his sermon, the Gridiron quartet, stationed in the front row, sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

This was the last tribute of an organization with which Senator Hanna had been a great favorite, and it was tender and delicate farewell from those who had known and loved him.

While the religious services were in progress, the family retired to the rear of the chamber, and were heard in the heart of the chamber. Postmaster General Payne, who had been for years associated with Mr. Hanna on the national committee, was among those most affected. Secretary Hitchcock also was visibly touched.

The hymn concluded, and President pro tem, Frye addressed the assembly, saying: "We commit the body of our beloved senator now to the two committees of the houses of Congress and to the officers of the Senate, to be conveyed to his home in Ohio and to his final resting place. May God sanctify his life and death to us who loved him well."

The services, which had occupied about half an hour's time, were closed with a benediction by Mr. Hanna.

The visitors and family then withdrew, the family retiring first and followed by the President and the cabinet.

The Senate then, at 1 o'clock, on motion of Senator Lodge, adjourned. There was a crush about the Senate door to see the remains, but no one was admitted and they were left in the closed chamber surrounded by the floral offerings and under a guard of capitol police.

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